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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS VISITS PAPHOS, CALLS FOR PURIFICATION OF
CYPRUS CHURCH; OTHER CHURCH DEVELOPMENTS

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SUMMARY: STRENGTHENING FURTHER HIS POSITION IN DISPUTE
WITH CYPRUS BISHOPS, ARCHBISHOP CONDUCTS SERVICE AT
PAPHOS CATHEDRAL BEFORE ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD. HE APPEALS
FOR PURGE OF CHURCH STARRING WITH PAPHOS BISHOPRIC.
INCIDENTS OCCUR IN PAPHOS AND NICOSIA DIOCESES AS PRIESTS
LOYAL TO BISHOPS, WHO HAVE BEEN FORCED OUT OF THEIR CHURCHES,
RETALIATE BY LEGAL ACTION AND BY HOLDING THEIR OWN SERVICES.
ABROAD, BISHOP SUFFRAGAN WORKS OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAJOR
SYNOD WITH PATRIARCHS OF ANTIOCH, ALEXANDRIA AND JERUSALEM.
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ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH AND GREEK HOLY SYNOD ALSO BEING INVITED PARTICIPATE; HOWEVER, SOURCES CLOSE TO CYPRUS CHURCH DO NOT EXPECT FORMER TO ACCEPT, AND ANTICIPATE LATTER, IN ITS NEW COMPOSITION, MAY SIDE WITH BISHOPS.

1. ARCHBISHOP VISITED PAPHOS MAY 13, HOLDING SERVICES IN CATHEDRAL IN HIS CAPACITY AS LOCUM TENENS OF DIOCESE. (MAKARIOS HAS ASSUMED THIS TITLE HIMSELF, THOUGH HANDING OVER DAY- TO- DAY ADMINISTRATION OF PAPHOS CHURCH AFFAIR TO ARCHIMANDRITE ANTHIMOS LOIZOU.) HE WAS WARMLY RECEIVED BY LARGE CROWD; NO DEMONSTRATIONS WERE MOUNTED BY SUPPORTERS OF GRIVAS OR YENNADIOS. THRUST OF MAKARIOS' SPEECH WAS THAT HE INTENDED CARRY OUT PURIFICATION OR PURGE (KATHARSIS) OF CYPRUS CHURCH WHICH WOULD BEGIN, BUT NOT END, IN PAPHOS. XNEW BLOOD MUST CIRCULATE IN THE BODY OF THE CHURCH, AND REVIVAL AND EXPIATION START WITH THE BISHOPRIC OF PAPHOS." (FULL TEXT FBIS M130847.)

COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT ARCHBISHOP HAS LONG REGARDED VISIT TO PAPHOS AS IMPORTANT SYMBOLIC STEP IN MOVE AGAINST THREE BISHOPS (SEE, E. G. NICOSIA 490). AS SO OFTEN , HIS POLITICAL SENSE AND KNOWLEDGE OF GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE WERE RIGHT ON MARK. HIGHLY ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME BY PAPHOS PEOPLE AND CLERGY (AND GRIVAS FORCES' CONTINUED SURPRISING SILENCE) HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED ARCHBISHOP' S HAND AGAINST BISHOPS.

2. IN NICOSIA (WHICH INCLUDE FAMAGUSTA) AND PAPHOS DIOCESES, SEVERAL PRIESTS LOYAL TO BISHOPS HAVE BEEN DISMISSED FROM THEIR CHURCHES BY MAKARIOS OR HIS SUFFRAGAN. LEGAL BATTLE HAS DEVELOPED IN MARATHOVOUNOS VILLAGE OVER POLICE ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING EXPULSION OF ANTI- MAKARIOS PRIEST. (PRIEST RETURNED UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS MAY 13, AND SAID MASS AT 4:00 AM; AT 6:00 AM POLICE ESCORTED ARCHBISHOP' S APPOINTEE INTO CHURCHYARD, BUT NO INCIDENTS OCCURED.) IN VILLAGES OF LATSIA AND AYIOS PAVLOS, IN NICOSIA AND PAPHOS, MASS WAS HELD IN OPEN BY TWO PRIESTS DISMISSED BY ARCHBISHOP.

3. ARCHBISHOP' S BISHOP SUFFRAGAN, CHRYSOSTOMOS, LEFT MAY 13 FOR JERUSALEM TO DISCUSS WITH PATRIARCH ARRANGEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR JUNE MAJOR SYNOD. CHRYSOSTOMOS HAS ALREADY CONFERRED WITH PATRIARCHS OF ANTIOCH AND ALEXANDRA.

4. FROM PHILELEFTHEROS EDITOR CHRIS KATSAMBAS, WHO IS CLOSE TO CHRYSOSTOMOS, WE HAVE FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN MAJOR SYNOD ACCORDING

KATSAMBAS, PATRIARCHS OF JERUSALEM, ANTIOCH AND ALEXANDRIA HAVE AGREED TO BE REPRESENTED, THOUGH IT NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THEY WILL ATTEND PERSONALLY. ARCHBISHOP HAS NOT YET SENT FORMAL INVITATION OR ENVOY TO GREEK HOLY SYNOD, FEELING THAT IT HAS HAD PROBLEMS ENOUGH WITHOUT HIS ADDING TO THEM. HE PLANS, HOWEVER, TO SEND ENVOY (PROBABLY CHRYSOSTOMOS) AFTER BISHOP SUFFRAGAN' S RETURN FROM JERUSALEM. KATSAMBAS SAYS MAKAIOR FEARS RE- CONSTITUED SYNOD OF GREECE WILL NOT SUPPORT HIM -- PARTLY BECAUSE SOME NEW MEMBERS OPPOSE HIM, PARTLY BECAUSE SOME MAY REGARD SIDING WITH CYPRUS BISHOPS AS MEANS OF EMBARRASSING PRO- MAKARIOS ARCHBISHOP IERONYMOS.

5. KATSAMBAS SAID MAKARIOS WOULD INVITE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH AS MATTER OF FORM, BUT DID NOT EXPECT HIM PARTICIPATE. INDEED, ARCHBISHOP THOUGHT IT PERHAPS PREFERABLE THAT HE NOT PARTICIPATE, SINCE TO DO SO WOULD PROVIDE TURKISH GOVT WITH ARGUMENT THAT PATRIARCH COULD AND SHOULD, IN SOME FUTURE CIRCUMSTANCES, INVOLVE HIMSELF IN CYPRUS AFFAIRS.
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